

19 February 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 19 February 1981

Acting DCI Inman was in the chair. [ ]

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Thorpe reported that the SSCI had finalized the make-up of its subcommittees. They will be:

Budget	Senator Garn, Chairman
Analysis and Production	Senator Lugar, Chairman
Legislation and Rights of Americans	Senator Schmitt, Chairman
Collection and Foreign Operations	Senator Chafee, Chairman

In response to Admiral Inman's question about HPSCI, [ ] said the subcommittees had not been completely made up yet, but there would be three--Budget, Evaluation, and Oversight. [ ] will prepare a memorandum giving a composition of the SSCI subcommittees. [ ]

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[ ] noted that Senators Garn and Chafee had made speeches in support of the repeal of the Clark Amendment. [ ]

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Lipton commented on his discussion with OMB about the budget supplemental, the budget amendment, and ceiling. Lipton said the final figures decided on by OMB for Fiscal Year 1981 and 1982 should be close to our request. For FY 1981 we should get [ ] in program funds and [ ] for covert action. In FY 1982 we should get [ ] for covert action and [ ] for programs. Regarding the ceiling, we should get close to the [ ] positions we requested. Lipton will send a memorandum to Admiral Inman and the Deputies. [ ]

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Admiral Inman said that he had not seen the Director's letter to D/OMB prior to dispatch, but that he had written William Schneider emphasizing that he and the Director agree that additional personnel are essential. He instructed Lipton not to negotiate further until he and [ ] completed their negotiations. (Action: Comptroller) [ ]

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Fitzwater requested a meeting with the independent office heads and the Deputies on personnel ceilings after the staff meeting. [ ]

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[ ] noted that State had requested five SNIES in recent weeks. He reported that the SNIE on Libya was completed and the others--Whither Iran, the Soviets and SWAPO, the Soviets and the Horn, and the Soviets and Terrorism--will be completed in the next two or three weeks. [ ]

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McMahon noted that the Soviet Central Committee has sent a message to all Soviet overseas missions stating that the Kremlin is concerned about the U.S. and Western campaign linking the Soviets to terrorism. The missions received guidance on mounting a counter campaign. [ ]

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McMahon reported that 30-40 Mexicans are holding the Indian Embassy in Mexico City. [ ]

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McMahon highlighted an Italian magazine article re allegations that Admiral Inman was involved in a Billygate cover-up. [ ]

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Admiral Inman commended McMahon on his presentation to the NSC on 18 February as conveyed to him by other attendees. [ ]

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Admiral Inman briefly reviewed his presentation before the HPSCI Program and Budget Subcommittee. He emphasized that no one should misinterpret his reluctance to support Identities Legislation and added that he had taken this stance only because he had not read the Bill.

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Admiral Inman said that at some early future date there is need to discuss what can be done to curb leaks involving substantive intelligence production as well as internal shoptalk. He noted that there is some evidence that sources could be from within the Agency and from retired personnel. He observed the quickest way to erode the Director's Cabinet status is to have other members feel their material in our hands is subject to disclosure. Bross added that Mr. Casey's privileged position as an advisor to the President on non-Intelligence Community matters must be protected and any papers related thereto handled with great care. Evans noted that steps had been taken to assure this.

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The DDCI noted that he will be spending time at NSA and invited anyone who needed to talk to him to call.

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